COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Island County Council of Governments met in Special Session on December 14, 2011 in the Commissioner's Hearing Room at 1 NE 6th Street Coupeville, Washington. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Conard.

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Present:

Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Angie Homola, Island County Commissioner
Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port
Benye Weber, Commissioner, Coupeville Port

Jim Slowik, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor Paul Samuelson, Mayor, City of Langley

Old Business:

After corrections, a motion was made and seconded to approve the October 27 and November 9 minutes. The motion carried.

Copies of vouchers were passed out for the Sustainable Whidbey Coalition. A motion was made and seconded to approve. The motion carried.

Other Items:

Chair Nancy Conard thanked Commissioner Angie Homola for meeting with Senator Haugen and Representatives Bailey and Smith and for giving them copies of the legislative priorities. Angie was also able to speak briefly with Representative Bailey who is focusing on the Small Works Roster proposal and has some ideas, as in possibly offering it only to small towns.

The Washington State Ferries is planning a launching celebration on the Kennewick on January 6, 2012 in Port Townsend. They are also working on the reservation guidelines.

Commissioner Angie Homola gave an update on the LIO. She was asked by the Puget Sound Partnership to meet with their Leadership Council to update them on what Island County is working on and the progress we are making. She is very interested in staying on as the Chair of the LIO.

Angie spoke on how she would like to encourage all of unincorporated Island County to get together and talk about the long term planning; what roads will be built, how we will protect our shorelines and take care of our biological corridors. She met with Kurt Johnston who is the Planning Director of Skagit County and they talked about what that county has done to receive grant monies for their projects.

Nancy thanked Mayor Paul Samuelson and Mayor Jim Slowik for their service. She expressed appreciation for the efforts and time they have put in to the community.

Mayor Slowik reported that the Pioneer Way last link has been paved and will most likely be completed in March.

Jim and Paul thanked the Council for all of their efforts and support for the last four years.

As there was no further business, Chair Nancy Conard adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2011.

APPROVED Janey Conard